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JUVENILE SUPPLEMENT

BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Pratt, Margaret — Lothrop, Lee & Shepard
FLASH OF WASHINGTON SQUARE — Paper over board; $2.00

Pleasant verses accompanied by Roger Duvoisin's large and evocative pictures, tell the tribulations of Flash, a New York City cocker. In his Greenwich Village home, Flash disgraces his owners when he is too obstreperous and when he continues to be so even at a dog school uptown. All's well however, when the training begins to take effect. Friendly wags. Stitching not too firm. (Publ.)

Dalgliesh, Alice — Scribner
THE COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE — $2.00

Frontier tales, with the authentic feel of place and time and people, have endless fascination for young and old. This one is unusual in that it harks back to a time when the wooded hills of western Connecticut were frontiers, and when settlers from Massachusetts made the slow trek, on foot and horseback, found friendly Indians, and built their cabins. Here is just such a true story of eight year old Sarah, who took the journey with her father John Noble, cooked for him, and kept house in a cave while he built the home that was to shelter her mother and the children. Then- while he went back to Massachusetts for the family, Sarah lived with the Indians and learned the give and take of kindly people, Indians or whites. It is simply told, with no embroidering of melodrama, but it carries the warmth of sincerity, and the wholesome appeal of true adventure. Charmingly illustrated in stylized, imaginative drawings in black and brown, by Leonard Weisgard. Cloth bound. (LC: 54-5922)

EIGHT TO ELEVEN- FICTION

Smith, Theresa K. — Steck
WIKI OF WALPI — $2.50

This story of a present day Pueblo Indian boy, Wiki, an albino born with white hair and a skin that could not tolerate sun, is quietly and unemotionally told. The medicine man, Masi, helps him toughen his skin with a brew of leaves, so that he is not completely cut off from the other children. But with Masi's death, Wiki has to find the leaves for himself, and on his return from a successful search, finds he is able to cure his village of another sickness. The story would be stronger were some explanation offered of what the leaves were- and how the challenge was met. As it is, youngsters will feel unsatisfied. Big, interesting, poster-colored pictures by the author. (Publ. LC: 54-6832)

EIGHT TO ELEVEN- NON-FICTION

Neurath, Marie — *The How and Why Series-* Lothrop, Lee & Shepard
AROUND THE WORLD IN A FLASH — $1.75

Perhaps too simply, this tells about wires, cables, telephones, radio and television and how messages are sent by them. About four pages each of text and the author's tidy colored diagrams explain the external aspects of the mechanisms- beginning with the telegraph and going on through cables and cable laying, wireless, radio telephone, wire photos and TV. Though accurate as far as they go, the explanations embody few physics principles and will probably raise more questions than they answer. (Publ.)

Foster, Genevieve Scribner
THEODORE ROOSEVELT $2.25

Fourth in an excellent series of young, brief biographies - *Initial Biographies* (the others have been on Washington, Lincoln, Jackson). And the book is a competent, companionable introduction to the beloved rough rider,- a straight run-through from the boy as an asthmatic seven year old, challenged with the importance of hardening himself, until at fifty five, he had weathered the storms of fortune and become a robust South American explorer. The incidents of his life take on firm vitality and the facets of a turbulent political career are set in firm relief against the balance of an eventful life. The author's imaginative two-tones are revealing of the man and his times. Skillfully keyed to the age group. (5/1. LC: 54-5927)

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN- FICTION

Leinster, Murray Gnome
THE FORGOTTEN PLANET $2.50

One for the "b.e.m." (bug-eyed monsters, in case you've forgotten) fans give all the horrible-to-putrid details of life on a planet strewn eons ago with seeds, microbes and the young of insects and animals. After 40 generations, some men stranded there by accident, have become primitives at the mercy of the giantism around them. One of them however, Burl, begins to reason slowly and works, among the muck, to better the condition of his tribe, until another space ship full of "sportsmen" arrives to hunt the monsters- and present Burl and his people with packaged "educations" and the start of a better life. This for our children? Hardly appetizing. (6/25. LC: 54-7255)

Lauritzen, Jonreed Little, Brown
THE RIDE OF THE YOUNG HUNTER $2.75

Again the conflicts between the Navajo and the white man's way of life (see *Song Before Sunrise*, 1948, an adult novel set in 1840) receive thoughtful treatment in the story of a twelve year old Indian boy of today. Near Flagstaff, Arizona, Jadih lives with his sheep-herding family. The incidents in his life combine to develop his latent individuality:-his absorption of the Navajo life, his attraction to the trading post that represents the rest of America, a marauding cougar that threatens his community, and the materialization of a chance to win a prize at the coming powwow in Flagstaff. To go to Flagstaff Jadih must defy his uncle's disapproval of something he considers "only for amusement", but once there, the proof of the boy's skill as a hunter and a dancer wins him the horse he longs for. The drawings by a Navajo artist, Hoke Denetsosie, are distinctive and flavorful. Searching. (7/26. LC: 54-8313)

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN- NON-FICTION

McSpadden, J. Walker Crowell
PIONEER HEROES $3.00

For a slightly older age group then his *Indian Heroes*, here is another collection of brief but well set biographies stressing the individual achievements contributing toward the opening up of America. Among the men included in the ten sketches are La Salle, Fremont, Daniel Boone and Junipero Serra- so the book as a whole gives a sense of the span of time it took to cover the millions of square miles. Each sketch too, is characterized by a fresh, unpatterned and frank approach that makes an honest evaluation of the man and his relative importance at the time. Pictures by Robert Kellogg. (7/?)

Seifert, Shirley — Lippincott

FAREWELL, MY GENERAL — $3.50

Jeb Stuart and his wife Flora come alive in this fictionalization of their short life together. Daughter of a soldier herself, Flora knew a divided heart after she married Jeb- when he went to fight for the Confederacy while her father fought for the Union. Following Jeb, she knew the south as the battle lines moved, saw her husband's fame grow until he lost his life, and their tragedy and the tides of the struggle all make history very real. A satisfying re-creation. (Full report on p. 273. 6/16. LC: 54-6109)

Fergusson, Harvey — Morrow

THE CONQUEST OF DON PEDRO — $3.50

Coming West to find health and re-birth, Leon Mendes, a Jew from Manhattan's lower East Side, became a significant figure in the bridging of the frontier after the Americans took over the region around Santa Fe. Establishing his store in Don Pedro, Leo makes firm friends and builds success through trust.Though he must buck Don Vierra, though he wins the passion of his wife and the love of her niece there is an honesty of expression that will not offend, or detract from the value of a beautifully written novel of the region. July Literary Guild. (Full report on p. 269. 6/23)

Bourne, Peter — Putnam

TWILIGHT OF THE DRAGON — $3.95

Against the fascinating, many-faceted background of the Boxer Rebellion, Bourne in his 5th historical novel, tells the story of the deposed Emperor's second wife, the interpreter Wen Chin, and of Randall Lockhart and his rivalry with the Russian Prince Igor over an English girl. Plenty of action and the background, excellently detailed as to its shameful politics- the Empress Dowager's stranglehold on China, the Emperor's smothered search for reform, the naive West- provides its own reward. (Full report on p. 294. LC: 54-8708)

NON-FICTION for Young Adults

Howells, Williams — Doubleday

BACK OF HISTORY — $5.00

A readable book on a popular level that follows the avenue of interest opened by Ruth Moore's *Man, Time and Fossils* presents what the author terms a digestive interpretation and condensation of man in prehistory. Discussing the apes and then the first large culture stages from the Stone Age onward, there is often humor and fascination in the author's narrative style, and a more popular appeal than Lewinsohn's *Animals, Men and Myths*. 60 drawings. Maps. (Full report on p. 282. 6/17. LC: 54-7593)

Lake, Alexander — Doubleday

HUNTER'S CHOICE — $3.75

An astounding catch- this successor to *Killers in Africa* stars the men who hunt, with the creatures of the continent in vivid supporting roles. A mere taste of the exploits,all of which are salted down with information on creature ways and a knowledge of the natives as well- includes tracking a lion for a shot to make Mussolini look big, taking a spiderphobe of an entomologist on a safari to fight fear, etc... Humor and drama, among which are raw spots (you should be warned) but that reveals a way of life in which courage, resourcefulness and experience mean all. (Full report on p. 301. 6/17. LC: 54-7319)

Whipple, A.B.C. — Doubleday

YANKEE WHALERS IN THE SOUTH SEAS — $3.95

In contrast to Robertson's *Of Whales and Men*, here is a panoramic view of 19th century whaling, the men, the adventures and the far flung background of the profession. A regular compendium this with accounts of famous rogue whales, ships and life of them, the discovery of Antarctica and so on, and it makes another th'ar she blows- for an ever devoted following. Pictures by Richard M. Powers. (Full report on p.304. 7/1.LC:54-7313)

Singer, Kurt- *Ed.* Wilfred Funk
THE WORLD'S BEST SPY STORIES $3.95

A superior line-up of informers and informants. Concentrating on the 20th century, the collection includes a J. Edgar Hoover report on the chemist Harry Gold; Ewald Grieg's commemoration of "Operation Border Service" which ran between Norway and Sweden; T. E. Lawrence's "Blowing Up a Train" and more. Reliable round-up for private intelligence and entertainment. (Full report on p. 300. 6/7. LC: 54-7790)

Crane, Verner W. Little, Brown
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND A RISING PEOPLE $3.00

A good initiation into the field of biography is this well constructed book with a dual theme- the life of Franklin and its relation to the young country for which many of his ideas originated institutions. The account is complete from Franklin's earliest days, and as his career progresses, there is clear comment on political trends at home and abroad and on the developing American characteristics. A book with breadth- a fine tribute to the remarkable man. (Full report on p. 280. 6/3. LC: 54-5163)

Masters, David Little, Brown
EPICS OF SALVAGE $3.50

Dealing mostly with episodes of World War II, this details the fascinating work of marine recovery from the salvaging of the *Normandie*, to mine clearance, from treasure hunting to the amazing invention of portable harbors. Along with the stories there are divers, rescues, dirty weather and dirty work to add to the picture of a specialized profession for a man and boy audience. Illustrated. (Full report on p.282. 6/21. LC: 54-8280)

Gibbs-Smith, C. H. Praeger
A HISTORY OF FLYING $4.95

This concentrates on the development of ideas, designs and inventions from the earliest thoughts and legends to World War I and adds a postscript to the possibilities of the future. It is a conscientious record, sparked with definite personal enthusiasm and excellent illustrations and drawings, and in its intelligent discussion of failure and progress, a fine background book. (Full report on p. 301. 6/7. LC: 54-6657)

Landis, Paul H. Whittlesey- McGraw-Hill
YOUR DATING DAYS $2.50

Specifically written for the upper teens, this actually qualifies - though many mature 14-16 year olds will find it important. The author, a professor of sociology at the State College of Washington, has subtitled his book *Looking Forward to Happy Marriage.* The text is a frank and provocative discussion of marriage patterns, from the problems of high school dating on to the choice of a mate and the ideals of democratic home partnership. Open-minded approach to personality, understanding the other sex, choosing a mate, when to marry, how to make it work- sound handling here. There is the importance of friendship in highschool rather than serious dating and the danger of sexual involvement,- in its right place a later fulfillment of happiness. Factors of emotional maturity and economic security are placed as essentials; there is a lightened view of a woman's place- her right to a career and the help she needs as an equal, from her husband; and of course there is the importance of being able to live and let live. Though the book will do good for both sexes, implicity it lends itself to women, for with their changing roles the problems still seem mostly theirs. Illustrated with charts and line drawings by Paul Galdone. A solid guide book. (~~6/5~~. 8/15 LC: 54-8100)